AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Original) An automotive interior trim assembly for coupling to an automobile, comprising:

a substrate member forming at least a part of a structural support of the trim assembly, said substrate member having a front surface adapted to face the interior of the automobile and a back surface adapted to face opposite said front surface;

a connecting member integrally molded with said substrate member and extending away from said back surface, said connecting member having an aperture formed therein; and

a grommet integrally molded in said aperture and adapted to secure a wire to said connecting member so as to prevent movement of the wire with respect to said substrate member.

2. (Original) The trim assembly of claim 1, wherein said substrate member has a hardness and said grommet has a hardness that is relatively lower than the hardness of said substrate member.

3. (Original) The trim assembly of claim 1 further comprising:

a cover member overlying at least a portion of said front surface and adapted to provide a soft feel to the trim assembly, said cover member having a hardness that is relatively lower than a hardness of said substrate member.

4. (Original) The trim assembly of claim 1, wherein said substrate member is formed from a material selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic olefin, acrylonitrile butadiene styrene, styrene maleic anhydride, and polycarbonate/acrylonitrile butadiene styrene alloy.

5. (Original) The trim assembly of claim 4, wherein said grommet is formed from a thermoplastic elastomer.

6. (Original) The trim assembly of claim 1, wherein said grommet is formed from a thermoplastic elastomer.

7. (Original) The trim assembly of claim 1, wherein said connecting member completely encapsulates said aperture.

8. (Original) The trim assembly of claim 1, wherein said aperture includes a slot portion extending to an edge of said connecting member, the wire insertable in said grommet through said slot portion.

9. (Currently Amended) The trim assembly of claim [[1]] 8, wherein said grommet includes a first slit therethrough and extending ~~at least partially~~ across said grommet so as to intersect a periphery of said grommet, said slit adapted to secure the wire to said connecting member when the wire is inserted through said slit.

10. (Original) The trim assembly of claim 9, wherein said grommet includes a second slit therethrough and extending at least partially across said grommet, said second slit being substantially perpendicular to said first slit to form a plurality of radial fingers, said first and second slits adapted to secure the wire to said connecting member when the wire is inserted through said first and second slits.

11. (Original) The trim assembly of claim 1 configured as an instrument panel for an automobile.

12. (Original) The trim assembly of claim 1 configured as a door panel for an automobile.

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